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Fred Caldwell
Clover, South Carolina
1963 Falcon Sprint

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COVER: FRED CALDWELL'S 1963 SPRINT

Fred purchased his new Sprint in August 1963 and has owned it ever since. At 16, he became hooked on Falcons at a local drag strip and was determined to buy one. With the help of his dad, he did and paid for it working for \$1 an hour.

Do you think your Falcon should be on the cover? Send a high resolution digital photo (300 dpi at 8 x 10 inches) to the Editor. Send multiple photos and stories on a CD or DVD.



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"Peanuts" in Falcon History

By Janet Wilkerson

Did you know that the animated Peanuts characters debuted in television commercials for the 1960 Ford Falcon? Until recently, I did not. I've always been a fan of Charles Schulz and his comic strip, having even played Lucy Van Pelt in my high school production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." I'm a new member of the Falcon Club so I keep my eye out for Falcon information. I ran across an old magazine article, written by Mitch J. Frumkin, about the Falcon campaign that used the "Peanuts" characters and theme. My interest was piqued. The article referenced the book *Peanuts: The Art of Charles M. Schulz* which talks about the history of Peanuts, and the places and things where Schulz got his inspirations. It also refers to companies that have used Peanuts characters in their logos and advertising.

Between the article and the book, here is what I have learned. In the fall of 1959, Charlie Brown and his friends started showing up with the 1960 Falcon in television commercials, newspaper and magazine advertisements, and at the 1961 Chicago Auto Show. At that show, a sign in front of a 1961 Falcon four door sedan shows Charlie Brown telling Lucy that, "Every week, 10,000 people kick its tires...slam its doors...honk its horn...bounce on its seats...then buy the Ford Falcon." Within the first 14 months of Falcon sales, more than 525,000 Falcons were sold, steadily outselling its primary competition—Chrysler's Valiant and Chevrolet's Corvair.

Crowds at the Auto Show learned detailed information about the Falcon by listening to hand-held speakers that were located on the siderails of the display. The recording described the three years of research in the XK Thunderbird project that led to the release of the "planned-for-people" Falcon. It called the Falcon, "the most thoroughly tested new car in America." I admit I chuckled when I read about its emphasis on its safety components—safety glass, deep-dish steering wheel, foam-padded seating, arm rests, instrument panel and

sun visors, double-grip door locks, and front and rear seat belts.

Children were not the only ones targeted at the Auto Show. Many of the features were highlighted to interest women and the needs of the family. The recording boasted the Falcon's six passenger capacity, with "enough room for its occupants to wear hats and stretch out their legs." Luggage room was "enough to accommodate two men's two-suiters, a lady's wardrobe, a lady's overnight case, a lady's train case, a man's overnight case and a set of golf clubs."

In addition to print ads and television commercials, the Peanuts gang appeared in a series of direct-mail pieces sent to prospective Falcon buyers by many of the over 6900 Ford dealers at that time. In one of those mailings, Charlie Brown offered a shiny silver dollar to those who would come into a dealership and see the new Falcon. A letter, included with the



These illustrations showing the Falcon with the Peanuts characters were just some of the artwork that I discovered. These are from autominded.com.



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This Chicago Auto Show archive photo shows a 1961 four door Sedan with deluxe trim. The Peanuts Gang signs hovering above the car, along with handheld speakers, drew the interest of children to the exhibit and told them about the Falcon.

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July 10, 11, 12, 2014

Overland Park, Kansas

The Falcon Club of America will gather for the 35th Annual National Meet and Convention July 10–12, 2014 in the greater Kansas City area. We will gather at the Doubletree Hotel By Hilton, Overland Park, Kansas where the rate is \$105.00 per night and includes breakfast. For complete information, visit: doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/M/MCIMSMT-AN8-20140708/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG. Registration for the event can be found on the outside wrap of the magazine.

Come and enjoy friends and fellow Falcon lovers as we take in the sights of the greater Kansas City area. Although we are still in our program development, we plan to visit The Liberty Memorial and National World War I Museum, Steamship Arabia, Boulevard Brewery, and Union Station. If you want to see more of the sights of Kansas City, there will be maps and additional sightseeing opportunities available.

Due to the popularity of the Ladies' Tea, we hope to offer it again, and perhaps a winery tour. Keep checking the website for updated information. This year, we will have a Pizza Party and an Ice Cream Social, among the many activities for you to enjoy.

If you want to shop, Crown Center, Country Club Plaza, Oak Park Mall are possibilities, as well as The Legends at Village West and Cabelas Sporting Goods and Museum that are near the Kansas Speedway.

Whether you come from the east, west, north or south, July is the time to connect in Kansas City. This will be a great event and we hope you will come and enjoy your stay. We look forward to seeing you, so make your plans and get registered!

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Not like this:

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To Advertise: FCA members are entitled to two free ads per issue (limit 50 words per ad). Each ad must appear in a different section of the Classified Ads. Additional ads per category are \$10 each. Ads with photo are \$20 and will run for two months. Please keep the text close to 50 words. Ads over 50 words may be edited for length. The FCA will not be held responsible for errors. Legitimate errors will be corrected in the next issue when requested. All ads for the classified section must include a member's name, location and FCA # to be considered a free ad. All items advertised for sale must have a price. **Ads to run in more than one issue must be resubmitted each month.** Non FCA member ads are \$10 each. Ads must follow the same guidelines as member ads. Photo ads are an additional \$20. Payment must accompany the ad, with check payable to the Falcon Club of America.

All ads must be sent by mail or e-mail to the Editor, Wendelyn Crosby, 16318 Riggs Rd., Stilwell, KS 66085. NO PHONE CALLS OR FAXES FOR ADS — NO EXCEPTIONS! If you have Internet access, please email ads to fca.editor@yahoo.com. If you send your ad by snail mail and include an email address, the ad will run but the email address will not. Please email your ad to insure that the email address is included with your ad. Photos may be emailed and payment mailed to the address above. Ads must be received by the 20th of the month two months before publication (July 20 for September issue). The FCA reserves the right to refuse advertising from any person or business.

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NOTE NEW DEADLINES!

Classified Ad deadlines are now the 20th of the month two months preceding publication (Feb. 20 for April issue). Please send your ads and photos by email if possible.

fca.editor@yahoo.com

FALCONS FOR SALE

1960 blue Falcon coupe with automatic transmission. It is currently not running but does come with a spare engine. All the glass and the body is good. I would love to sell to someone who will appreciate my little car as much as I do. Renae Hagen, 406-431-5812 or bnhhd@yahoo.com. MT.

1962 Falcon four door sedan. 75,000 original miles. Editor's daily driver for 12 years. Red with white top, grey interior vinyl/cloth. New engine and transmission in 2012. 144 CID automatic. Interior seats nice, floor mats. Headliner needs replacing. Glass and body very good and straight. Trunk mats. A solid running and driving car, for daily use. In the last 12 years, it has been driven 35,000 miles. \$3500. Contact Wendy by email at fca.editor@yahoo.com. KS.



1963 Falcon Sedan Delivery. Original California car. 289 V8 automatic, new interior, tires wheels and exhaust. Body straight. Chrome and stainless good condition. \$14,000. Tim Grinolds, 619-944-2873 or tvgrin@cox.net. CA.



1963 Falcon Futura convertible. Six cylinder 144, four speed, new tires. Red interior, bucket seats. 75,000 miles; restored about 10 years ago. Asking \$12,000. Don Heider, 908-783-3949. NJ.

1963 Ranchero project vehicle. Original V8 truck in pieces. It was a pretty solid truck with minimal rust when stored 25 years ago. I'll have more info when

weather permits removal from barn. Lou Williams, 734-522-2548 or lew01a@earthlink.net. MI.

1964 Ford Falcon, 302 cu. in. engine, 300 HP, C-4 auto transmission, eight inch rear end, five bolt axles. Rear shortened two inches, power steering, front disc brakes, Flowmaster exhaust. Built by Bill Scribner, Kent, WA. Owner, Don & Amy Tawes, 503-236-4684. OR.



1964 Falcon Sport Futura Convertible. Great driver. Rebuilt 200 CID six C-4 automatic transmission, eight inch Maverick rear axle, 3.25 to 1 ratio; about 2000 miles on the drive train. Top works fine, has repaired rocker and torque boxes, replacement front sheet metal, bumper, serviceable interior and needs paint. Excellent chrome: inside windshield trim, quarter window frames, wing window frames and outside top trim very good to excellent original condition. I have 98% of the parts to finish this car and they are included for \$5995. Correct Falcon bucket seats and console for \$6995. I have owned the car since 1988 but I have too many projects; needs to go to a good Falcon home. Detailed pictures upon request. Call or email Lenny Kellogg@Kellogg's Garage or lenkellogg@lpbroadband.net or 970-593-1964 or visit us at kelloggsgarage.com. CO.

1964 Falcon Window Van (Econoline) Rolling chassis set up for small block Ford V8 engine and AOD transmission. Nine inch Ford rear end installed with new brake shoes, wheel cylinders, hoses, and steel lines. Colorado van with only a couple of small rust spots in front of rear wheel wells, some small dents as well. Underside sandblasted and clean. Floor repaired and covered with 5/8" plywood. Engine doghouse modified to cover the V8 motor. Will sell with

interior package and outside chrome package included. Many spare parts available as well. Complete custom made aluminum radiator cooling module available for this van as well. Asking \$2500 OBO. Lloyd Marshment, 519-542-3684 or grhead@hotmail.com. ONT.



1964 Ranchero. The car is a V8 factory four speed car and in very good condition with 15,000 miles on the rebuild. I'm asking \$11,500 for it. Richard Cash, 707-816-7673 or Richrdcash@yahoo.com. TN.



1964 Futura two door hardtop. Originally a six cylinder car. A 1965 Comet donated all the V8 drive train and suspension. 289 two barrel motor with power steering runs good, doesn't smoke or use oil. Included is the factory under dash AC unit and mounting brackets for the compressor. The motor has never been rebuilt and has about 85,000 miles on it. The transmission is a C-4. As far as we know it has never been rebuilt either. It shifts fine but when it sits for a month or two it will leak transmission fluid, but once driven it stops. The interior is decent, pleated seat covers from J. C. Whitney, not correct Falcon seats but look nice. Interior is mostly white with black painted metal with new black dash pad painted metal bumpers. Car belongs to my father-in-law and he is parting with it for health reasons. Only driven about 1000 miles since it was done about four years ago. Not a professional shop build but a garage built car. It is about a 7 point car that is

very presentable and really gets attention. \$9500. Contact Tim Sutherland, 316-655-0697 or tim@sutherlandbuildersinc.com. KS.

1965 Falcon Futura 289 convertible. Some rust on floor pan. On rotisserie, needs restoration. 351 Stroker motor. TFS twisted wedge heads, moser axles, intakes, Cobra valve covers, many more parts. \$8000 OBO. Contact Richard Disbrow, 440-320-6198 or ndisbrow@centurytel.net. OH.

1965 Falcon Futura convertible, burgundy over burgundy/black custom interior. 95,000 miles. Rebuilt 302 H.O. with a 4 bbl Holley and rebuilt C4 three speed. Power steering, front disc brakes, dual bowl conversion, five seat belts and modern lights for safety. Newer top, paint is in excellent condition, engine bay detailed, and dash restored. Zero rust, no leaks. \$16,995 OBO. Greg, 734-218-5302 or gregorykrea@gmail.com. MD.

1965 Ford Falcon Sedan Delivery, \$4000. 1965 Ford Falcon Futura HT, \$1200. 1965 Ford Falcon Futura HT, \$600. 1968 Ford Falcon 2 door sedan, \$500. 1965 Ford Falcon 2 door HT, \$700. 1960 Comet two door V8, \$800. 1976 Ford Ranchero GT, \$7500. Call Don Branson, 636-228-4501 or email dbranson@mail.win.org. MO.

1966 Ranchero, white, mild custom. White two tone paint, Gunmetal Grey and White. Custom interior Gray Tweed with black trim. Engine is a 351/4V, modified. Rhino bed liner. Wheels upgraded. Undercarriage solid and restored, engine restored, minor dirt and grime, engine compartment, restored and solid. No excessive leaks in drive line. Solid and restored. Classified as a #2 vehicle. Recent appraisal finds interior above average, exterior excellent, engine condition above average. \$25,000 OBO. Wilma Miles, 405-659-0211 or 405-478-1550. OKC.

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President's Message: Cliff McKay

Spring is really kicking into high gear now. We are all taking full advantage of the extended daylight hours and better temperatures to get out and play with and show off our Falcons. I have already been to my first car show of the season and my bet is you all have too. The Falcons are flying again! I trust you have used those long winter months to get your Falcons all dressed up and ready to show and shine with the best in your local areas.

Spring and summer are the best times for our chapters to get active and take a look around for new Falcons as well as prospective new members. Invite folks to participate in some local fun with great Ford cars, trucks and vans. Use those red FCA cards to introduce yourself and share your personal FCA experiences as positive recruiting tools.

May can be a busy month for us all with lots of non-Falcon stuff happening. Don't forget Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and all those Graduations. I am sure that the Keystone Chapter will pull off another great Regional in early May this year.

Our FCA Club Store has already placed orders for a lot of nice items in popular colors for the Nationals. We are trying again to come up with a great assortment of FCA clothing in various sizes. We take our best guess based on previous sales to determine quantities of different sizes. We continue to request your input so we can better focus on the items you all like and want.



Speaking of the Nationals, please get both your registration for the meet in Kansas City and hotel reservations made soon.

I've been informed by some FCA members who regularly use Facebook, that there are several very helpful Facebook pages for Falcon and Ranchero lovers. One in particular is the FFOG—Ford Falcon Owners Group. They boast nearly 1000 members—many of them FCA members as well. Some hail from as far away as Australia and Israel.

As always, remember to include kids in your plans to attend a car show or two this month. It's part of the Falcon heritage to visit and share your Falcon interests

with folks who check them out in your driveway or as you're cruising around town. Even though you may not think of your own car as a "show" car, when you are out and about and folks ask about your vehicle, you are in essence "showing and sharing" your Falcon. You never know, some of these folks may become new members in your local chapter.

Take care and may God bless. Hope you have a productive spring and get those birds out flyin' safely down the highways again. Have fun getting them out and going out for spring cruises and shows as both time and weather permit. Falcon On!

—Cliff McKay (FCA #7987)
Peck, Kansas

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“Rosie” Escorts Oldest Blue Angel

By Ted Boothroyd

Just after World War II, in the year 19 and 46, a fledgling flight demonstration squad of The United States Navy was assembled and christened “The Blue Angels.” How did it get its name, you may ask? According to official Navy lore, the Blue Angels were named after a night club in New York City. They call it a night club in order to add a bit of dignity to the Blue Angel name. In reality, knowing sailors as we know sailors, it was probably called The Blue Angel Tavern and Brothel. The name stuck and was actually the perfect name for such an elite group. The airplanes were Navy Blue and the pilots were like homesick angels.

The first Blue Angel aircraft was a Grumman F6F Hellcat. Although strong and sturdy and state of the art, the Hellcat was quickly replaced by the Grumman F8F Bearcat. The F8F was a far better performer as a fighter plane and ideal for the Blue Angels. Some even called the F8F the best propeller driven fighter plane the Navy ever had. The first ever Blue Angel crew consisted of Officer-in-Charge and Flight Leader, Lieutenant Commander R. M. “Butch” Voris, Lieutenant Maurice “Wick” Wickendoll, Lieutenant Mel Cassidy, Lieutenant Commander Lloyd Barnard and Lieutenant Alfred Taddeo. Of these brave Navy men, only one is still alive. He is 93 year-old Al Taddeo. Lt. Taddeo is the oldest Blue Angel and the only surviving original Blue Angel.

To digress for a moment, Miss Tammy Allen is our resident lady of cars here in Grand Junction,

Colorado. She is the owner of Allen Unique Autos, a museum of over 80 custom cars, rods and one-of-a-kind examples. It is a “must see” stop for any and all car guys and gals who pass through our area. I know, because I work there as an occasional employee. Whenever I am in the museum, I challenge myself to choose my favorite car, but that is, of course, impossible. There are way too many beauties to choose from. If Tammy forced me to take one home today, I believe it would be Paul Newman’s stretched 1956/57 Chevy limo. The front end is a 1956 Chevy, and the back end is a 1957 Chevy. Some days, I switch my allegiance to Nicholas Cage’s Rolls Royce limousine; such a dilemma. Alas, Tammy does not display a Ford Falcon, but I am working on her. Now then, it just happens that Tammy also owns her own private jet airplane, just for quick coffee trips to Las Vegas or to the annual Barrett-Jackson car buying frenzy in Arizona. Many of her cars have come from Barrett-Jackson.

Among the many friends Tammy has in the area is Mike Anton of Wild West Falcons, the Western Colorado chapter of the FCA. He also serves on the board of directors of the Grand Junction air show. Mike is a friend of Ed whose father happens to be the oldest living member of the original Blue Angels team, Lt. Alfred Taddeo. Tammy and Mike had a chat one day— probably over coffee in Las Vegas—and decided how cool it

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Above: Making their grand entrance are Al Taddeo and his wife, driven by Karen and son Mikey Anton, owners of Rosie. Left: Al Taddeo with a vintage Blue Angels aircraft. Right: Al does a quick inspection at our recent Veteran’s Day Car Show.



Classified Advertising

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1967 Falcon Futura Sport Coupe two door sedan. Six cylinder, automatic with approximately 78,000 miles. Little rust on body, motor turns but hasn't been started. \$1200. John, 413-527-8502. MA.

FALCONS WANTED

WANTED: good 1963, 1964 or 1965 Falcon Sprint with factory four speed transmission. Hardtop or convertible. Bench or buckets. Call Dave, 905-648-2705 or dmolnar@sympatico.ca. Ancaster, ONT.



WANT TO TRADE: Interested in trading my 1978 Mustang II Ghia V8 for a 1960–65 Falcon Ranchero, two door sedan or hardtop with a six cylinder or V8 manual transmission. My car is listed on Craigslist Houston as "1978 Mustang II Ghia V8." Take a look and see the work completed on it and let me know what you have for trade. I had to sell my 1962 two door and I want another Falcon. I have \$5500 invested. Jim, 713-306-2843 or jimsclassics@yahoo.com. TX.

Wanted: 1965 Sprint, manual transmission, 289, original car or correct restoration in terms of original color paint and interior. Distance no problem. Call Jerry, 336-765-8312 or email whitfield@triad.rr.com. NC.

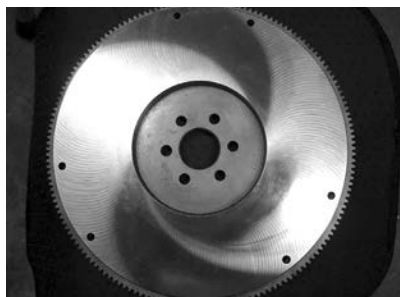
1969–1970 Falcon coupe, driver quality or better, must have good paint and no rust. Mechanical challenges OK. Stock or lightly modified, V8 preferred. Willing to travel for the right car for my 1969 model wife. Knowledgeable buyer with nice garage. 717-538-0474 or dvandtl@yahoo.com. PA.

PARTS FOR SALE

1976 Granada front disc spindle assembly in beautiful condition, \$245. Contact Robert Hauver at 803-642-3541. SC.

NOS parts: CODZ-3A130-A outer tie rod, \$35. CODZ-3352-B steering arm and bushing, \$75. CODR-7A039-B transmission extra assembly, \$30. CODF-11654-C headlamp switch, \$45. CODF-7A217-A transmission control switch and wire assembly, \$15. CODZ-7210-B shift selector lever, \$55. Many more parts available. Keith Litteken, 314-480-2556 or kslitteken@aol.com. MO.

Rare factory tinted 1960–65 Station Wagon left and right curved rear glass, \$250. Call Robert Hauver at 803-642-3541. SC.



New all steel 164 tooth Hi-Performance flywheel for 11" clutch. Fits small block engines. Asking \$175. Will ship anywhere. Not responsible for shipping cost. Contact Ed at emfalconeddie@gmail.com. MA.

Two 1963 tudor doors, excellent condition with all hardware and trim, \$75 each. 1964 hardtop or convertible door, left hand, good structure but skin has heavy surface rust, includes vent window and glass, \$25. 1963 station wagon tailgate with power window, \$125. 8.0" axle, 3.0 ratio, 57.5" width flange to flange, \$125. 8.0" pig 3.0 ratio, \$75. 9.0" pig 3.25 ratio, \$85. Granada disc brake spindles, \$75 pair. 1965 power steering linkage and cylinder.

Clearing out 50 year collection of Falcon parts. Let me know your needs. Lou Williams, 734-522-2548 or lew01a@earthlink.net. MI.

1964/65 convertible top frame and related parts. Complete top frame assembly, side/corner/top outside stainless windshield trim, LH/RH pot metal quarter trim, pump/cylinders/wiring/switch, latches, sun visors, side chrome inside windshield trim, one quarter window regulators/tracks, tacking strip. Some minor rot in frame, but in great usable condition. Pump/cylinder condition unknown. \$750 for all. Robert Dirksen, 678-313-8438 or sneskrid@charter.net for photos. GA.

1964–65 Falcon reproduction console shell, new in box and purchased from Dearborn Classics, \$65. 1964 Ford factory under dash air conditioning unit with SD-507 Sander compressor. Dash unit needs to be restored and no compressor to engine bracket. \$85. Gene Heid, 419-562-4594. OH.

Parts For Sale: NOS: 1960 grille, \$195; 1960 headlight doors, \$95 pair; 1961 grille, \$295; 1961 headlight doors, \$195 pair; 1960 deluxe wheelcovers, 13" \$195 set of 4; 1962–63 Deluxe Squire wheelcovers, 13", \$195 set of four. Also good used 1962–63 Deluxe Squire caps, \$40-100 per set based on condition. New hardtop bucket seat upholstery, tan or black front and rear seats; \$300 per set. Nice used polished 1963 grille, \$595. Re-chromed interior windshield trim for hardtops and convertibles: three piece set, \$325–450 exchange. 1966–67 power steering system: steering box with straight through shaft, complete lower linkage, no pump/brackets, \$495 as is. Single chrome Ranchero trim set, \$750, needs only the chrome handle for the gas cap. Station wagon tailgate cranks with serviced locks and new keys for 1960–70, \$150–\$250 1964–65 Futura door badges, repainted, good chrome, \$20 pair. 13" wire spinner hubcaps, all

Calendar of Events

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My 50 Year Old Falcon

In June of 2013 my Falcon was 50 years old. This fact is not unusual for a 1963 Falcon Sprint. What is unusual is that I purchased it 50 years ago in August of 1963 and have had it all of the years since then. Believe me, I know how fortunate I am to have been able to keep my first car all this time. Let me go back to the beginning.

I was 16 years old going to high school and working weekends at the local A&P grocery store making \$1.00 an hour and getting about 25 hours per week. I was a Ford man and so was my father; he drove Falcons. I must confess—my father was not a performance guy but an economy guy. The Falcon fit him perfectly, but not me. Times changed with the 1963 “Total Performance” Fords.

It was springtime in North Carolina and winter had been pushed aside by the Ford win at Daytona that February. As I remember, the Fords took the first five spots with the new Fastback 427 Galaxies. At the local drag strip the stock

1955–57 Chevys had a new competitor in their class. It was a turquoise Falcon Sprint. For me it was love at first sight and definitely not within my reach.

The turquoise Sprint was owned and driven by a young guy by the name of Johnny Gibbons. Johnny had worked at the A&P before I started and some of my work friends knew him. In my eyes he was the man. Johnny won many races against the Tri-five Chevys. At that time the drag rules permitted a racing cam in the stock class which I’m sure helped him defeat the power pack equipped 283s. By the way, his racing cam was produced by Holman-Moody of NASCAR fame.

Later that summer Johnny’s car came up for sale and I got a chance to drive and show my father the hot rod Falcon. Dad liked everything except the price, the racing cam and the Holman-Moody logos on the vent windows. But it did help win him over to the idea of a new Falcon. For me, it had to be a Sprint. He found the Sprint in Charlotte, just 20 miles away. Now the deal came into play.

My father was not interested in driving a two door V8 Falcon on his Metropolitan insurance route. However, my mother was driving a two door 1955 Ford Crestline which I shared on the weekends. Mom needed an upgrade and I wanted a new Falcon. My father came up with the idea of trading in Mom's '55 Ford for the Sprint. I would make the \$68 monthly car payment, Mother would drive the Falcon during the week and I would drive it on the weekends. What a deal! A \$68 car payment plus \$7 a month for a life insurance policy was within my budget. Remember the one dollar an hour I was making at the A&P?

For the next 36 months I made each payment and was happy with my little V8 Falcon.

How and why I was able to keep my Falcon is very simple: not much money and the Vietnam War. After graduation from high school I worked a year for an independent garage for \$1.25 an hour. I had started a year earlier during high school. In 1967 Uncle Sam needed me for a new job paying \$78 per month. Not to worry, after about eight months I was making about \$190 per month. My high school sweetheart, Vicki, and I were married in 1968. And she received an additional \$100 allotment. In October of 1968 I went to Vietnam and started receiving \$50 per month hostile fire pay and another \$50 flight pay.

My wonderful wife and my father took good care of the Sprint while I was overseas and it was ready for me when I returned. We added a 1963 Fairlane to our family for Vicki.

After one more year in the Army I returned home and started college in the fall of 1970. A wonderful surprise, our daughter, Kristi, came along in 1971 and another wonderful daughter, April, in 1973. I was still driving the Falcon, but we traded Vicki's Fairlane for a 1968 Pontiac wagon.

During the early 1970s, while in college, my friend, Frank Becton and I started a small retail furniture business which we later sold in early January of 1975. In February I needed a job so I starting selling Fords in Gastonia, North Carolina. With the new job came a



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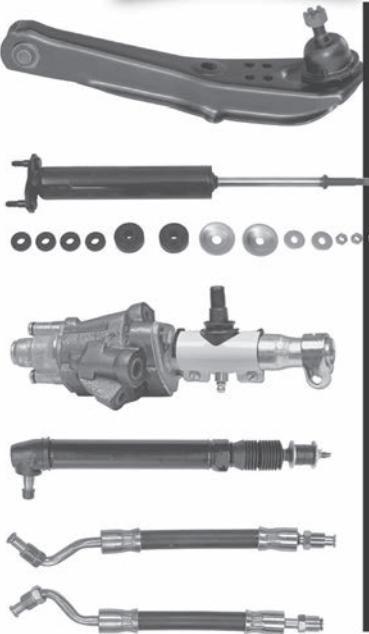
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Fred Caldwell's 50 Year Old Falcon

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new demo. This enabled me to keep my little Falcon that holds so many fond memories. I am always amazed at how many of my old friends remember my car and ask me about it. And I still enjoy the amazed looks on new acquaintances that ask, "How long have you owned this Falcon Sprint?"

—Fred Caldwell
Clover, South Carolina

Fred Caldwell worked for Earl Tindol Ford for 10 years and became the New Vehicle Manager. In 1985 he became a partner in Caldwell-Kahill Ford Lincoln Mercury in Lenior, North Carolina, which he sold and became a Chevrolet Dealer in 1989. Fred Caldwell Chevrolet is located in Clover, South Carolina.



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"Peanuts" in Falcon History

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A Falcon brochure featuring Snoopy. Photo courtesy of Denro.

direct-mail packet, was signed by Charlie Brown and included a check from the Falcon Bank for Savings. Once the check and a questionnaire were brought to the dealership, the consumer received the silver dollar. This brought people into a face-to-face encounter with the car and enhanced sales.

I also discovered a video on YouTube of the 1961 Ford Falcon Peanut Commercial, where Snoopy, Linus and Pig Pen discover the many features of the Falcon. For those of you who like to search the web for historical tidbits, there are several of these commercials you might find interesting.

After Ford's licensing deal with Schulz and United Features Syndicate expired, Peanuts characters no longer appeared in Falcon ads. In 1965, the year after that deal ended, "A Charlie Brown Christmas" aired and the characters' popularity skyrocketed.

It was an interesting trip looking back at my own Peanuts memories and to learn about how they were used to promote Falcons.

I look forward to meeting many of you and seeing your Falcons here in Kansas City at Nationals in July. Even though I don't currently own a Falcon, I have many memories of my family's many Ford vehicles and I love looking at your masterpieces.

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By Ted Boothroyd

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“Rosie” Escorts Oldest Blue Angel

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the Blue Angels, comes Fat Albert, their C-130 escort and equipment airplane. Fat Albert puts on a pretty snazzy demo flight as well. This is the air show of air shows for us folks here in Western Colorado, and it lasts for two full days. For those of us who love feathers, the real fun began with a Ford Falcon. Enter the Falcon Club of America, Wild West Falcons Chapter.

On arrival, Lt. Taddeo was picked up by “Rosie” the Falcon. Rosie has made it to the front cover of *The National Falcon News*, along with a few feature articles here and there. She is also a highly awarded Falcon and veteran of several FCA annual conventions. Once owned by one Ted Boothroyd, she is now proudly owned by Mike, Karen and Mikey Anton of Grand Junction.

In case you are wondering, Lt. Taddeo gets around pretty well on his own and still loves flying, however he no longer flies commercially. Without Tammy Allen’s gracious offer, he would not have been able to accept an invitation to be the guest of honor at our air show. He talks fondly of his days

with the Blue Angels, yet, in his heart still believes if he wanted to, he could fly with them today. At the age of 93, he looks in person to be 63.

Blue Angel pilots are required to rotate out of the team every couple of years. When Lt. Al rotated out he went on to fly fighters in the Korean War and was assigned to an aircraft carrier in the region. He retired from military service in 1963.

Lt. Taddeo was adequately wine and dined while in Grand Junction. For the duration of his stay, Tammy Allen provided him with her Rolls Royce limousine and a driver. He left for home with a new appreciation of another American treasure, the Ford Falcon, saying something like, “I could sure get used to this lifestyle.” As for me, I could write another few chapters on the man, but I have to get to work now. I’m trying to broker a deal with Tammy to get a Falcon in her museum. Who knows, maybe it will be Rosie.

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